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## **Dignified Health Care for Seniors: Backgrounder**

A PC government will ensure the health care needs of seniors are met. The seniors of Newfoundland and Labrador must be treated with dignity and respect. We will empower them to live healthier lives and we will support them with the care options they deserve.

A PC Government will ensure seniors can stay in their own homes and own communities as long as possible, providing home and community supports in every region.

A PC Government will reverse the decision of the Liberals that restricts seniors' access to personal care homes. We will ensure the physical and mental health of seniors is considered when assessing applications. Personal Care Homes provide quality care to the seniors of our province and result in excellent health care outcomes for our ageing population. We therefore pledge to:

- ensure seniors their right to choose the care they want,
- ensure that Personal Care Homes are rightfully highlighted and promoted in the Home First Initiative as an equal option to Home Support, and
- consider an increase to the Personal Care Home Subsidy rate.

A PC Government will conduct a review of the current availability of long-term care homes to ensure there are adequate facilities in place to meet the needs of the residents of the province. In light of the findings, we will create a 10-year long-term care plan ensuring that needs are met into the future.

A PC Government will conduct a staffing level review of all nursing homes to ensure the appropriate number of health professionals is available to care for residents. This review will be informed by our COVID-19 review and the findings of other jurisdictions.

A PC Government will develop a community residential hospice/end-of-life care model, and finally complete the Lionel Kelland Hospice in Grand Falls-Windsor.

In 2016, the Liberal government reduced access to dental care for low-income adults. A PC Government will right this wrong by increasing the availability of dental coverage for seniors and other low-income adults.